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There are thirteen applications for the postoffice at Covington, Ky., as far as heard from.

It is not believed that Mrs. Thompson will be appointed postmistress at Louisville, Ky.

There are twenty candidates for the Cincinnati office.

Speaker KIEFER is said to wear the harness as if he had always been used to it.

The Nashville American puts Judge Sneed on the political stage as a Kip Van Winkle.

The President has declined an entertainment in Boston, tendered him by the Merchants Association.

Some people at Nashville have for a long time wanted a new penitentiary. They will probably get it now.

Junior Horne's friends give him all the credit for the election of Mr. Walter P. Brownlow as doorkeeper of the House.

RICHARD W. AUSTIN, "of North Carolina," is assistant doorkeeper of the House. He is the same Dick who has figured somewhat in these diggings, but we never heard before that he was from North Carolina.

The Nashville American, commenting upon the role in which the Memphis Avalanche wants Senator Harris to appear, says:

The martyrdom of the Memphis Avalanche suggests for Senator Harris would be a cheap claim, which would not, perhaps, commend itself to the political sagacity of the Senator. He is a bold man, and if he should think it a good play to let go a little piece of unexpressed term in order to grasp two lengths of future term, it would be viewed by the public not as martyrdom, and sacrifice to truth, but as letting go a little and embracing error to get more. Some people might do this, but Senator Harris never yet played in the role of demagogue or embraced a sham merely to win.

MANY things have occurred in the progress of the Guiteau trial that have excited disquiet while other things have been a puzzle. What the political situation prior to the assassination had to do with the murder of the President is what we do not profess to understand. Suppose the Republican party was divided into two factions, how can that justify the assassination? It appears to us a foolish waste of time to be calling in prominent politicians for the purpose of proving that there was trouble in the Republican party, which would justify the murder of the President. There is no dispute about the killing. There is no denial that Guiteau committed the crime. His defense is insanity. If it can be proven that he is insane, why of course he will escape punishment. But as that has not been done the country expects the trial to go on and that he will be hung.

Measuring by the Eye.

A correspondent of the Boston *Temper* suggests that children should be exercised in measuring by the eye. He says that years ago, when he went to school in a little weather-beaten school-house, the scholars had most exciting contests over the teacher's favorite exercise of having them estimate with the eye the size and weight of different objects in the room.

He would hold up his cane and have each scholar tell how long he thought it was, and it was a lucky child that could come within a half a foot of the right length.

He would measure an *utensil* and then have the scholars try to reproduce the measure on the wall. He would mark off an inch, or a foot, or a yard, in some conspicuous place, and then see how near anybody could come to chalking the same length upon the blackboard.

And it was astonishing how wide astray one would go. The fact is, our eyes deceive us so ridiculously, even upon the commonest things.

At first thought which would you say was the taller, a 3-year-old child or a barrel of flour? And could anything but actual measurement convince you that the same child is half as high as a six-footer?

There is an old saying that a child 2 years old is half as tall as he ever will be, and after a few experiments in measuring one can easily believe it, but not before.

Damage by a Hurricane.
NEW YORK, December 7.—The steamer *Lake Winnebago*, which arrived here to-day from Liverpool, reports, on November 23d, a hurricane which did some damage. The same day James Blair, the chief engineer, was washed overboard and lost. Patrick Conney, a fireman, was killed. John Reynolds, a fireman, died, having drunk carbolic acid, mistaking it for vinegar.

Completely Wrecked.
St. Louis, December 7.—A collision between two freight trains on the Jefferson division of the Texas and Pacific Railway, not far from Marshall, yesterday, resulted in the death of two men, serious injury to three and slight injury to four others. Both engines and a number of cars were completely wrecked.

Annoyance Avoided.
Gray hairs are honorable, but their premature appearance is annoying. Parker's Hair Balsam prevents the annoyance by promptly restoring the youthful color.

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WASHINGTON.

THE GITEAU FARGE DRAWING TO A PROBABLE CLOSE.

The Cabinet Slate Made Up and to be Announced Soon.

Dick Austin Appointed Assistant to Door-keeper Brownlow.

Uninteresting Day in the Senate—House not in Session.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—The Republican Senators held a short caucus this morning to arrange for making some changes in the Republican membership of the Senate committee, in order to meet the personal convenience of the Senators and more especially to provide suitable committee positions for Senator Win-

dom, whose return to the Senate this session, makes it desirable in the opinion of his colleagues, that he should again be placed in committee positions of prominence. The committee was appointed by the caucus to confer with the individual Senators, and report hereafter.

The morning session of the Guiteau trial was devoted to the examination of citizens of Freeport, Ill., on behalf of the prosecution. The evidence of these witnesses is that they had known the Guiteau family and did not regard L. W. Guiteau, the father of the prisoner, as insane; also that they believed the other members of the family to be sane.

The fact that only a few of the twenty or thirty experts summoned for the defendant, gave their testimony, excites some remark, and it is said that nearly all of them came to the conclusion that they could do Guiteau no good by their testimony. A few of the experts had an interview with Guiteau Monday afternoon, but none of them appeared yesterday on the witness stand. District Attorney Corkhill is quoted as expressing the belief that the trial will not last more than a week longer.

The Evening Star says: The belief is that the President has made up his Cabinet slate. The names of those selected will be sent to the Senate at an early date. It is said that a day or two ago a party of Senators called upon the President to urge the claims of a well known public man for a cabinet position, when the President brought the discussion to an abrupt termination with the statement: "Gentlemen, it has already been closed."

Doorkeeper Brownlow, of the House, has made the following appointments: Richard W. Austin, of North Carolina, assistant doorkeeper; Col. J. R. Popham, of Virginia, assistant doorkeeper in charge of the document room. Popham is a headhunter.

The President took up his residence in the White House this afternoon. It is now understood that John Davis, nephew of Baneroff Davis, and son-in-law of ex-Senator Frelinghuysen, will be the President's private secretary, and will assume the duties of the office in a day or two.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Senators Sherman, Pendleton, Dawes, Lapham, Bayard and Morgan were appointed by the chair on joint committee for the preparation of memorial upon the death of the late President Garfield.

Among other communications laid before the Senate was one from acting Attorney-General Phillips enclosing the annual report of the Attorney-General.

A portion of the morning hour was consumed in uninteresting discussion upon the propriety of dispensing with reading at length of communications from heads of departments.

The departments addressed to the President of the Senate the question arising upon the communication from the Secretary of War in relation to accommodations for the increased clerical force in the Surgeon-General's office.

The President preferred that, in accordance with the practice of his predecessors, the papers would be read at length, unless otherwise ordered, and after remarks by Senators upon what had been the practice heretofore, the vote was taken, when a single response was given, both in the negative and affirmative.

The chair caused some little merriment by observing that as the vote was over he was obliged to exercise his constitutional prerogative, and would vote aye. The reading then proceeded.

The following bills were introduced:

By Senator Ingalls, enabling the people of New Mexico to form a State government. Tabled.

By Senator Plumb, making the trade dollar a legal tender for all dues, public and private, except where expressly stipulated otherwise.

By Senator Call, granting pensions to soldiers in the Mexican, Creek, Seminole and Blackhawk war. Referred to pensions committee.

By Senator Davis, establishing a department of agriculture and commerce. Tabled.

At the expiration of the morning hour Senator Morrill's tariff commis-

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